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I submit this testimony to encourage our legislators to study HB 4795 so they will realize that this bill would be terrible for Michigan. We need to **DEFEAT HB 4795.**

This bill adds penalties to our Firearm Preemption Law and illogically prohibits local governments from adopting reasonable gun laws tailored to local conditions (as is currently allowed by MI laws 123.1103 and 123.1104.) The officials most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it would be prevented from doing so.

This bill HB 4795 would allow groups like the NRA and individual Michigan residents to bring lawsuits against local governments and officials for damages and fines AND would force local governments (and their citizens through taxation) to pay the attorney fees and costs even if it repealed or amended a challenged ordinance. HB 4795 would give our tax dollars to trial lawyers of the NRA and other out-of-state special interest groups with the power to sue local governments for enforcing reasonable gun laws. Cities would be forced to pay damages, costs, and the NRA's attorney fees simply for passing and enforcing laws designed to keep citizens safe.

Thank you,
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